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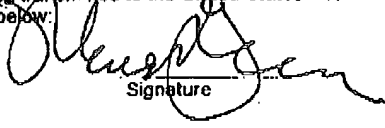
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WATER CONTAINED IN A
HUMIDIFIER WATER BOTTLE

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Sir:

This paper is submitted as a response to the office action dated January 22, 2004. The response to the office action dated September 26, 2003, is resubmitted below, including the status of all the claims in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees required for any reason relating to this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 from Howrey Simon Arnold & White Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 10872.0200.NPUS00.